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SUBJECT: COCOM LIST REVIEW: IL 1088 - GEAR MAKING
MACHINERY

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SUMMARY: MARCH 3 DISCUSSION PRODUCED A NEW PROPOSAL TO RELAX THE MODULE PARAMETERS IN 1088 (C) AND TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF A TWO STEP COMBINATION OF GEAR MODULES AND QUALITY GRADES. THE US IS EXPECTED TO PRESENT ITS VIEWS ON THAT APPROACH AT AN EARLY DATE. REQUEST THAT THE CONCERNED AGENCIES STUDY THAT PROPOSAL AND DEVELOP A US POSITION FOR PRESENTATION TO COCOM AT AN EARLY DATE. END SUMMARY.

1. ROUND II DISCUSSION OF GEAR MAKING MACHINERY ON MARCH 3 CENTERED ON THE DELETION OF SUB-ITEM (C) ON WHICH THE US AND ITALY HAD RESERVED IN ROUND ONE. THE JAPANESE DELEGATION EXPLAINED THAT THEIR DESIRE IS THAT ALL SPUR GEAR MAKING MACHINERY BE FREED FROM EMBARGO.

THE US DELEGATION INDICATED THAT IT WAS NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT DELETION AND INQUIRED WHETHER THE 0.5 MM MODULE PARAMETER WAS THE PRINCIPAL PROBLEM. JAPANESE THEREUPON
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WITHDREW DELETION PROPOSAL AND SUBSTITUTED CHANGE OF MO-

DULE VALUE FROM PRESENT 0.5 TO 0.05 WHICH THEY FELT WAS THE SOVIET LEVEL OF CAPABILITY. THEY CITED A CHINESE GEAR-CUTTING MACHINE YK 5116, WHICH PRODUCES 0.1 MODULE GEARS.

2. IN RESPONSE TO UK QUERY, JAPANESE CLARIFIED THAT WHILE NEW PROPOSAL FOR (C) ASSUMED CONTINUATION OF DIN CLASS 7, THEY COULD ALSO CONTINUE AGREEMENT TO UK PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THAT FIGURE TO CLASS 6. GERMANY, CANADA, AND NETHERLANDS ACCEPTED 0.05 FIGURE. US RESERVED AND UNDERTOOK TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL AND ANY ADDITIONAL JUSTIFICATION JAPANESE COULD ADDUCE. FRANCE AND UK RESERVED AS WELL, ALTHOUGH LATTER INDICATED HE COULD AGREE IN EVENT FRENCH AND US RESERVES WERE RESOLVED IN FASHION WHICH ASSURED CHANGE FROM CLASS 7 TO 6.

3. WHEN CHAIRMAN TURNED TO UK PROPOSAL, FRENCH CONTINUED RESERVE PENDING RESOLUTION OF MODULE ISSUE. ITALY'S PREVIOUS RESERVE ON UK PROPOSAL LAPSED SINCE THEY WERE NOT REPRESENTED AT AFTERNOON SESSION IN WHICH THIS WAS DISCUSSED.

4. FRENCH DEL GAMET MADE OFF-THE-RECORD SUGGESTION THAT EVEN IF US COULD NOT ACCEPT LIBERALIZATION IN BOTH MODULE AND DIN CLASS VALUES, A TWO-TIER APPROACH TO THE SUB-ITEM MIGHT PERMIT PROGRESS, I.E., ONE MODULE LEVEL AT DIN 7, AND ANOTHER (PERHAPS THE PRESENT ONE) AT DIN 6. IN DISCUSSION AFTER MEETING AT WHICH GAMET RESTATED THIS SUGGESTION, UKDEL GOODENOUGH SUPPORTED THE IDEA. USDEL UNDERTOOK TO REFER TO WASHINGTON.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: TTG-10 STUDY POSSIBILITY OF LOWER MODULE LEVEL WITH A DIN CLASS 6 QUALITY LEVEL.
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